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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT REDUCING THE NUMBER OF CLAIMS PRIOR TO CALCULATION OF THE FILING FEE AND ACCOMPANYING REQUEST TO BEGIN NATIONAL EXAMINATION UNDER 35 USC §371(f)

sir:

Please cancel Claims 6 to 9 inclusive.

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT SUBMITTED PRIOR TO FIRST EXAMINATION AND ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.104

Sir:

Applicants request entry of the following claim amendments. No claim fee is due inasmuch as the total